Mr. A. Eachara Menon *(Chittur-Rural)*: Is the Hon'ble Minister satisfied as to the correctness of the reply to (c) because I sent this question after reading the Administration Report?

Mr. T. K. Nayar *(Minister for Rural Development)*: If there is any mistake please excuse me.

COOKED FOOD AND CERTAIN FRUITS—EXPOSURE TO FLIES, ETC.

2. **Mr. V. J. Mathai** *(Planters)*: Will Government be pleased to state.—

(a) whether cooked food as well as fruits like jack-fruit and pine-apple cut into pieces besides fruits like dates are exposed for sale in open baskets and vessels without cover;

(b) whether such food is not often infested with flies, fleas and ants;

(c) whether in the interests of public health it is not necessary to prevent the practice;

(d) whether the Government are doing anything to stop such practices?

Mr. T. K. Nayar *(Minister for Rural Development)*:

(a) and (b) Specific cases of the kind have not been brought to the notice of the Government so as to enable them to take suitable action.

(c) Yes.

(d) Yes. A copy of the notification published by the Director of Public Health and Panchayats in this connection is appended. *(Vide Appendix I).*

Mr. V. J. Mathai *(Planters)*: May I know who is to bring these specific cases to the notice of the Hon'ble Minister? Is there any machinery?

Mr. T. K. Nayar *(Minister for Rural Development)*: There is the Public Health Department and even the public can do that.

Mr. V. J. Mathai *(Planters)*: May I appeal to the personal experience of the Hon'ble Minister whether he has not actually seen jack fruits and such other things cut open and covered with flies being exposed for sale. It is not a question of attacking and fencing. It is only a helpful suggestion.

Mr. T. K. Nayar *(Minister for Rural Development)*: There is already this notification to take serious note of such things by the Department. Definite instructions have also been issued.

Mr. V. J. Mathai *(Planters)*: The notification has no hands.

Mr. T. K. Nayar *(Minister for Rural Development)*: I have given definite instructions to see that drastic actions are taken in such matters.

Mr. V. J. Mathai *(Planters)*: The occasion for this question arose largely in view of the spread of cholera in the Cochin State.

Mr. T. K. Nayar *(Minister for Rural Development)*: Yes. I know.

Mr. A. V. Moothedan *(Chalakkudi)*: Now the season for jack fruit is over.

Mr. V. J. Mathai *(Planters)*: Will not the season for jack fruit come next year.

Mr. A. V. Moothedan *(Chalakkudi)*: Then we will consider this.

Mr. V. J. Mathai *(Planters)*: It is very funny.

CENSUS REPORT—PUBLICATION OF

3. **Mr. K. R. Achyutan** *(Ezhuvas-Trichur)*: Will Government be pleased to state.—

(a) whether the Cochin Census Report of 1941 has been published;

(b) if the same has not been published, when it will be ready for publication?

Rama Varmha Tampuran *(Secretary to Government)*:

(a) No.

(b) The report has been drafted and will be ready for publication early next year (1119).

HILL PADDY SCHEME—FINANCIAL COMMITMENTS OF

4. **Mr. K. Kunhirama Menon** *(Cheruthuruthi)*: Will Government be pleased to state.—

(a) what is the total amount of money financed on the Hill Paddy production by the Government till 30th Edavam 1118.

(b) do the Government actually believe that this costly venture will bring to the Government at least a balanced result?

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